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ATTN: Office of Petitions

PETITION TO REVIVE AN UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

The above-identified patent application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on January 9, 2001, which set a two month period for reply. The abandonment date of this application was March 9, 2003 and a Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 7, 2003.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), the petition fee of \$1,330.00 is submitted herewith.

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- 2. The required reply to the above-noted Notice to File Missing Parts, in the form of a Response submitting a Declaration executed by each inventor, is submitted herewith.
- Since this is a utility application that was filed after June 8, 3. 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- 4. The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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